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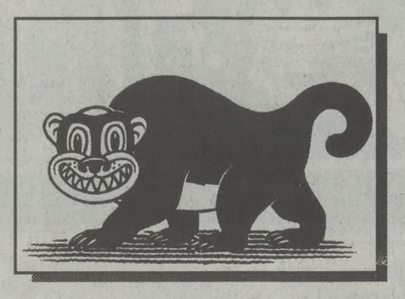

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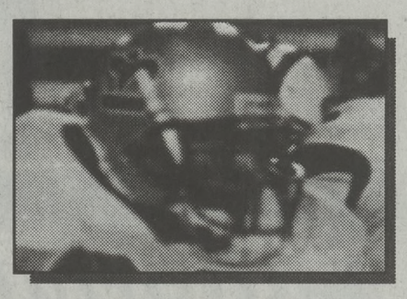

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CAMPUS SCENE

RESCUE THE CATS ON CAMPUS

Volunteers are needed to help rescue the cats on campus. Volunteer trappers, foster and adoption homes are also needed. For more information call Ellen Keowen at (818) 352-9598.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is national breast cancer awareness month so the Student Health Center will be presenting slides and information regarding breast cancer on Oct. 7 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Campus Center 104. There will also be a guest speaker. Females in their 20's are encouraged to get tested.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive on Oct. 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Some teachers will be giving students recognition for donating blood. Students can sign up in the Student Health Center located in the Women's Gym or for more information call (818) 947-2922.

FIRESIDE ROOM RECEPTION

There will be a re-opening celebration of the Fireside Room in the Campus Center on Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. for the day students and at 8 p.m. for the evening students.

HOMECOMING

•Applications for the homecoming court are available in Campus Center 102.

The requirements are to have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Day students need to be enrolled in at least nine units and evening students in at least six units.

•Homecoming festivities will be from Oct. 19 to 23. They will include the appointment of the homecoming court, games, shows, banquets, and more

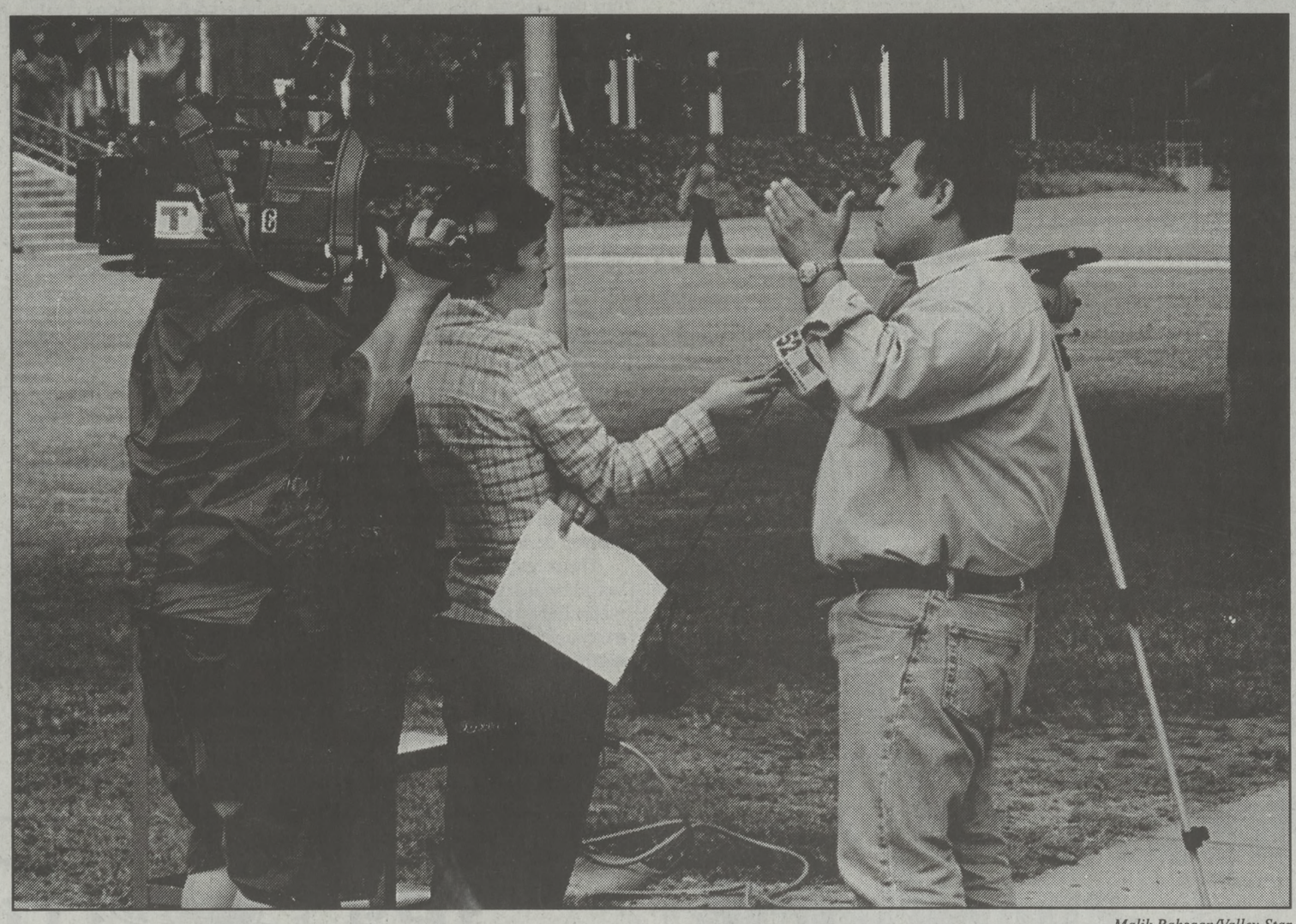
•Countdown...

24 days

until the game!!!

For the record...

In the September 18th issue of the Valley Star, the editorial on page 3 was incorrect. The Philosophy textbook sighted at the Pierce bookstore was paperback and not comparable to the textbook available at Valley College.



Malik Rahsaan/Valley Star

Channel 52 reporters interview student Orlando Amayo who was responsible in starting the protest against the high book prices.

Students protest high prices

By ALEXIS SCALICE and NANCY E. BARAHONA
STAR REPORTERS

Across from the Campus Center, student activist Orlando Amayo yelled, " We're losing our future. Come sign the petition."

Amayo was speaking against the textbook prices. He formed a protest on Sept. 22.

As students stopped to listen, fellow activist Leon Riddell handed them a pen to sign a petition objecting to the book prices. A total of 308 signatures were compiled.

"Working class students need a break," Riddell said. "Teachers should choose outlines that are no more than $30, otherwise students end up dropping classes."

Valley College student Silvia Eller signed on line 195. "I am shocked at the book prices," Eller said. "There needs to be more compassion for students."

Although the majority of listening students nodded their heads in agreement, Mirko Lehr said the basic idea of the protest is nice, but the surroundings should have been better. "Free food would of been nice. There needs to be something to get people off their butts," Lehr said.

Channel 52 showed up as Amayo continued his chant on high prices closing the doors on a student's education. "Colleges are not accomplishing their mission with these high prices," Amayo said.

Inside the book store, employees Holly Hagan and Jennifer Jordan were carrying on with their daily responsibilities.

"I don't think we are ripping off the students," said Hagon. Jordan added, "We have our own costs to cover."

As students continued to sign petitions, the Associated Student Union had their weekly meeting where Claudette Burns, book store manager, answered general questions.

"We don't intentionally mark up the prices," Burns said.

Commissioner of Evening Division Joel Feldman made a notion to approve a task force to deal with the issue of the high priced textbooks.

"The purpose of the task force will be to do research and control the book prices," Armen Orujyan, ASU president said. "We will try to eliminate hard cover books because it makes a big difference in the prices."

The task force was later unanimously approved by the College Council, Orujyan said.

Some of the task force goals include: encouraging faculty to use cheaper books by bringing awareness of book prices to them. And to form a system in which teachers are aware of the price of the book before they order the book, Orujyan said. They are also working on a way to get more books available in the library for student use.

Valley College gets new police captain

By NANCY E. BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

Malik Rahsaan/Valley Star

Captain Michael Habicht and secretary Nora Gellar of the Valley College Campus Police work together to review a file.

The position of captain of police and safety services has been given to an officer that had been working at Valley College for the past six years.

"I accepted for one main reason that I have been here for almost six years and this is my almamater. I graduated in the 70s from Valley and I saw this as a promotional opportunity to take pride and success in my career," captain Michael Habicht said. "I shot for a dream and now I'm shooting for a star at Valley."

Habicht began command on Sept. 14 after former captain Karl Traber, who had been at Valley College for 12 years, retired on Sept. 11. Traber left Valley College to teach Administration of Justice at East Los Angeles College.

"He's had a great rapport with everyone for the six years that he's been here as an officer. He's been very well respected," said Nora Gellar, secretary at the Campus Police office. "I look forward to working with him."

As captain, his duties include overseeing 105 acres; ensuring the safety of the learning and working environment of the faculty, students, and administration.

Habicht also deals with crime prevention and suppression; parking and enforcement of traffic patrol. He is also responsible for arranging escorts to vehicles or for any reason.

And to assist students in any manner by basically being the eyes and ears of the students.

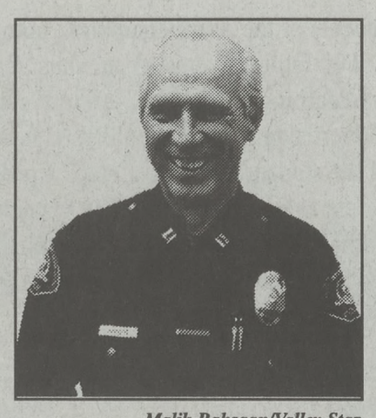
"We are working together for a safe environment. The campus police works with the community police and we have a great liaison with the Los Angeles Police Department," Habicht said. "I maintain an open door policy for anyone that wants to come in."

Habicht's past consists of 27 years of experience with the LAPD.

"I retired in June 1992 and then began working at Valley College," Habicht said. "I didn't miss a day's work."

Habicht was in the Navy for four years and left with an honorable discharge. He was a fireman for two years. "I never left the uniform," Habicht said.

Habicht has been married for 37 years. He has a son, Michael; a daughter, Debbie; and a grandson, Vincent.



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"I shot for a dream and now I'm shooting for a star at Valley."

-Captain Michael Habicht

"My main goal is to continue with a low crime rate and I'd like to warn all students that in the parking lot, valuables should be placed in the trunk and out of sight of people. Don't make themselves unnecessary victims," Capt. Habicht said.

The Campus Police is located in Bungalow 59. For assistance students can dial #30 from any pay phone on campus or they can call (818) 947-2199.

Autumn session classes offered

By ANITA TORRES
STAR REPORTER

Valley College is offering a nine week autumn session that begins this month.

The session is running concurrently with the fall semester, and registration is already open via telephone,Internet, or in person.

To register by phone, students need to use the Student Telephone Enrollment Program found on page 18 in the Fall 1998 schedule of classes. Using the Internet, students can log on to htttp:www//lavc.cc.ca.us. To register in person, students need to go to the Admissions office.

According to Sue Carleo, vice president of Academic Affairs, some fall semester classes were canceled because of low attendance. The money that was supposed to be used for those classes is now funding the autumn session classes.

"The autumn session was designed to meet the needs of the students who are here right now," said Carleo. "But this is also a great opportunity for a new student to start taking classes."

According to Carleo, the goal is to have an average attendance of 35 students per class. Classes that do not meet the minimum attendance by the first class meeting will be canceled.

The schedule is:

•MATH 115
Sect. 0739 (10/5-12/18)
1:00-3:00 p.m. MTWTh Lane MS105

•NURSING 762
Sect. 0740 (10/5-12/18)
3:00-6:00 p.m. TTh Staff E106

•PHOTOGRAPHY 10
Sect. 0741 (10/5-12/18)
2:30-4:30 p.m. WF Connelly B 26
& 6 hours TBA BJ 114

•THEATER 276
Sect. 0743 (10/5-12/18)
9:00-2:00 p.m. T Hayes TA101
& 4 hours TBA

•ANTHROPOLOGY 101
Sect. 0735 (10/19-12/18)
11:00-1:00 MWF Engler B7

•ANTHROPOLOGY 121
Sect. 0736 (10/19-12/18)
12:00-2:00 p.m. MWF ALbert B8

•CHICANO STUDIES 8
Sect. 3315 (10/19-12/18)
6:30-9:30 p.m. MW Lopez FL 112

•ECONOMICS 1
Sect. 0737 (10/19-12/18)
3:15-6:15 p.m. TTh Karim CC 202

•ENGLISH 21
Sect. 0738 (10/19-12/18)
1:00-4:00 p.m. MW Staff FL100

•ENGLISH 28
Sect. 3316 (10/19-12/18)
4:00-7:00 p.m. MW Staff FL100

•ENGLISH 101
Sect. 3317 (10/19-12/18)
4:00-7:00 p.m. TTh Staff FL 102

•JOURNALISM 101
Sect. 3318 (10/19-12/18)
6:00-9:00 p.m. TW Bello B26

•PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Sect. 2174 (10/19-12/18)
2:30-4:30 p.m. TTh Stephens MG

•SPANISH 21
Sect. 3319 (10/19-12/18)
4:00-7:00 p.m. TTh Andres FL 100

•SPEECH 101
Sect. 3320 (10/19-12/18)
4:00-7:00 p.m. MW Staff H111

•SPEECH 151
Sect. 3321 (10/19-12/18)
4:00-7:00 p.m. TTh Staff H115

Editorial . . .

Every woman's battle: The Brains vs. The Bodies

Plain Jane walked into Slick Rick's Wall Street office for an interview. She wore a knee length, blue and green plaid jumper with a white, ruffled, collared shirt. Her hair was pulled back tightly in a bun, exposing her pale complexion. The thin, pink line of lipstick summed up her lightly made up face. Despite her extensive resume and impressive educational background, the interview lasted less than a half hour.

Ten minutes later Sexy Suzie, dressed in a short black skirt, sheer pantihose and a fitted blouse, interviewed for the same job. Her baby powder perfume tickled Slick Rick's nose as his eyes whirled over her long eyelashes, red lips and voluptuous chest. Suzie smiled while moving closer toward Rick. She quickly caressed his hands before dropping her less than qualifiable resume on the desk. Rick got goosebumps. He dismissed her an hour later.

The next day, Sexy Suzie was sitting in a large office making phone calls. She got the job over Plain Jane. Surprised? No one should be. This scenario happens all the time. There's a reason why society has come to believe looks can get you anywhere. Unfortunately, however, it seems to have primarily targeted the female population .

Suzie's sex appeal was a powerful and influential tool. Rick, like most men, let down his guard and eventually fell into the trap set by a very determined woman.

Is this the only way for women to climb up the corporate ladder? No, but it is a short cut. There may be nothing professional about a woman spicing up her appearance and flirting with a man to get what she wants, but the method seems to work.

Those women who strongly discourage this continuous cycle are labeled as feminists. Why not simply refer to them as confident? This sector of the female population believes in using their mind to secure a title or career. True, some of them are still staff employees instead of vice presidents, but despite their slow climb to the top, education has much more longevity than looks.

In reality, everyone uses his/her appearance one way or another. What makes some different from the rest are those who rely solely on their external features and ignore their internal beauty.

Women can not change the attitudes of all the men in the world. There will always be some executive who is looking for a hot face to decorate his office. Sexy Suzie can fulfill that requirement for only so long.

There are no insurance policies for flawless skin or impeccable bodies. The policy for the mind is limitless. She who thinks, wins.

Letters to the Editor

Sitting, mulling over your article , "Bulls vs. Bears" in the Sept. 18 issue of the Valley Star, I nearly up chucked at the overflowing effluence that rose from the page and assaulted my eyes and ears. The first assault insisted that the stock market is the way to raise capital for the growth of business. This is candidly false. As everyone knows, there are other less risky ways to raise capital such as borrowing from the federal reserve. Another thing, if you're from the "Valley," you'll remember something called industry. Commodities were produced such as automobiles, planes, etc. that resulted in jobs, jobs, jobs; not some sporadic hiccups in some obscure index.

Obscenity number states that stocks are purchased based on the companies growth potential. This is another falsehood. There used to be something called a price to earnings ratio, but in this bullish market it was tossed on the rubbish heap. In closing, I ask what does the market's current volatility mean to the average working stiff.

Well, for one if you have a pension or 401K investment portfolio, remember your stock market losses are UN-INSURED i.e. the Federal Government has no moral or financial obligation to reimburse you for losses incurred as a result of gambling on the stock market.

Sincerely,
R. Xines

Dear Valley Star:

The following is my opinion regarding the subject that was brought up in Itay Darvish's column on September 18, 1998. Please feel free to use this commentary for any use you desire (publishing, etc.).

The recent uproar in the Clinton sex scandal has brought a heap of media hype, but does that mean that the country is involved in the uproar and hype? It would seem to me that everyone is equally tired of all the hoopla.

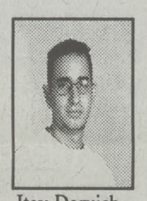
But all this hoopla is only brought on by the media. Consistently, opinion polls are finding that the country is very passive and indifferent to what is going on in the so-called "oral office". This hype seems to be from only a few sources, the major being the media.

A good number of our country's citizens are willing to forgive President Clinton for his misdoings. Even the perjury! Journalists are patronizing the public if they honestly believe that the public finds adultery in the White House shocking. We are all human and understand the notion that we all make mistakes, including the best of us. So that is why most of us are willing to let the Prez go on with his life and let his wife sentence the proper consequences. There are numerous other societies that have leaders with as many flaws as our beloved president. Those societies' citizens are laughing at our society because they believe that we are as affected by this situation as much as our media is leading them to believe. This influence by the media has accustomed us all to believe that President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky was wrong, leading our President to perjury.

- Antonio Manriquez

Tea Time With Itay

GHOST VALLEY:
Student body haunted by apathy



Itay Darvish
STAR REPORTER

Many of us went to High School and heard the shouts in our ears. "Where's the school spirit?" Then, as many of us moved on to college, such as myself, I realized that school spirit isn't the problem that lies here.

The problem is being afraid to be a part of something great and that goes for a lot of people at Valley, including teachers.

We have a paper that needs support like every other newspaper and we have a radio station that barely anyone listens to. You claim you're not being informed of these things. Well, perhaps you aren't, but maybe you are ignoring the fact that it exists. You see, I believe that college is designed to help students live life through experience.

Experiencing people through one another. How do you suppose we do that? Many teachers would much rather only teach and they sometimes forget that we need their support as well. Others support us which is great, but where are all the students?

It's great to feel like you're part of something and you all are, yet most of the time you ignore the fact that you're part of it.

I hear from students way too often that you're not informed, or is it just the fact that you don't care? We have great potential. Wake up! Smell the Tea! Let's get more involved. Let's get with the program.

Ask people what's going on, or come on over to the Star newsroom and ask for a copy of a newspaper. Walk over to the Humanities building and ask about the radio station.

My simple answer to you is this: Inform yourself about what's going on and don't expect the rest of the world to just hand you the information.

I dare you to get involved. No. I double dare you! Prove me wrong when I say you don't seem to care as much as you should.

Till next time, sip your tea slowly.

What's Your Opinion?

The Valley Star would love to receive and, if possible, publish your letters. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 250 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist or sexually oriented denigration. Letters must be signed and include student's ID number.Letters may be left with the Valley Star at BJ 114 by Friday morning for the following thursday. Letters will also be picked up from our three mailboxes attached to three of our yellow news stands, or E-mail to VSTAR@laccd.cc.ca.us.

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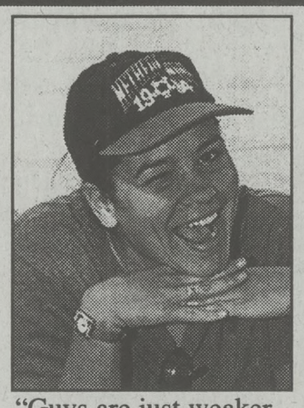
"Who's that girl?"

Photos by Marcy Petrique

Can women get away with anything?

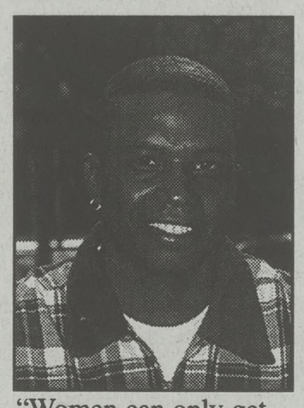
"I think we can. We have more sex appeal."
—Rebecca Martens



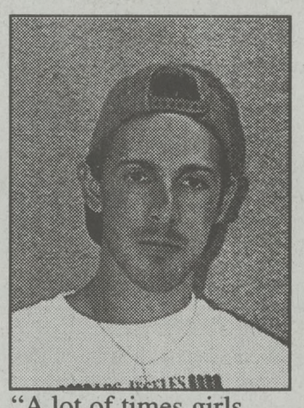
"Guys are just weaker, but a cute guy can get a way with murder."
—Sharlene Brown

"We've got to do what we've got to do."
— L. Birnes

"Women definitely use charm to get what they want.
—Michelle Lester



"Women can only get so far with it. I can see that coming."
—De'Angelo R.



"A lot of times girls can get away with tickets by flirting a little bit.
—Bryan Delgado

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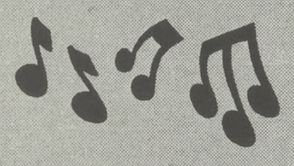


THE LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT CAMPUS CONCERT SERIES

-Thursday, Oct. 1-

- John Stephens & Blue Visions Jazz Quartet

-At Music Room 112

-11 a.m.

-Thursday, Oct. 8-

- Mark Richman & Maria Demina

-Duo Piano

-At the Music Recital Hall

-11 a.m.

-Saturday, Oct. 10-

- Valley Symphony Orchestra

-Robert Chauls, *conductor*

-Charles Gould, *Bassoon*

-At the Little Theater

-8 p.m.

-Admission Charged

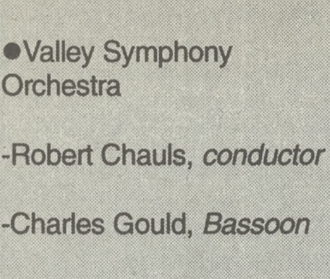
-Thursday, Oct. 15-

- James Edwards

-Classical Guitar

-At the Music Recital Hall

-11 a.m.



ASTRONOMY CLUB EVENTS

-Friday, Oct. 2-

- Planetarium Show

-"E.T. The Real Search"

-At the Planetarium

-8 p.m.

-Admission Charged

Cross Roads restaurant review

By KATHY LUSTIG
STAR REPORTER

As I approached the patio of the Cross Roads Cafe on Burbank and Fulton, I was greeted by the owner, Naeim Bachir, who had just finished scolding a customer for yelling at passing cars.

Mr. Bachir escorted me to the front counter and asked for my order.

Having never been to a restaurant that served Mediterranean cuisine, I asked Mr. Bachir if there were any house specials, and he pointed to the "Monday special." So I took my chances.

Before I had a chance to find a table, my order was ready. The busboy asked me where I was sitting and Mr. Bachir told him to set the food on the table by the window.

I was pleasantly surprised to see how much food I had received. My order consisted of a whole hind-quarter of chicken on a large bed of fried rice, mixed with bits of shredded chicken, and topped with a medley of cooked vegetables, including potatoes, celery, carrots, zucchini and onions. All of this was served with a side of pepperachinis and sliced turnips.

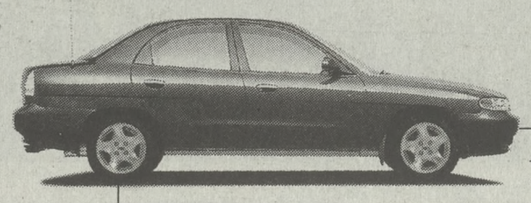
I was impressed that this quaint little hole in the wall served my meal on ceramic plates with metal utensils. The chicken was absolutely delicious, having been cooked so well that it fell right off the bone.

As I ate, my eyes roamed about the restaurant and stopped on a peculiar spinning skewer that looked like it had a variety of different kinds of meat all blended together. I finished half of my food and went up to the register to ask for something to put my uneaten portion in.

Mr. Bachir smiled and presented me with a doggie bag. I went back to my table, packed up my food and proceeded back to the register to pay. As I paid, I asked Mr. Bachir about his establishment. He informed me that everything is made fresh to order and that they offer a vegetarian platter for those who don't eat meat. Other items on the menu include homus, falafel, babagenush and tabuli.

Kathy Lustig/Valley Star

Mr. Bachir's demeanor changed once I attempted to take a couple of pictures. He came out and asked me why I was taking pictures. I explained to him that I was reviewing his fine establishment and that I wanted a picture to go with it. He retorted "No pictures!" and went back inside. For someone with such a good location for this type of restaurant, he sure seemed to be hiding something.



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A 'Dream' come true

By JOHN MAROT
STAR REPORTER

"What Dreams May Come" is a riveting, romantic adventure through the afterlife that stars Robbin Williams, Cuba Gooding Jr., and Anabella Sciorra.

Williams and Sciorra deliver a heart-felt performance as married couple, Chris and Annie Nielsen, in a spectacular new movie that demonstrates how true love can transcend all things, including death.

Annie is a professional painter and Chris is a doctor. Both share the painful loss of their two children who died in a tragic car accident years earlier.

The grief of this tragedy drove Annie to attempt suicide and Chris was the only one who could keep her together.

When Chris dies in a sudden accident, he leaves Annie all alone in a world where she has nothing to live for.

Chris is greeted in death by a familiar spirit he knows simply as "Albert," played by Cuba Gooding Jr.

Albert is Chris' tour guide through heaven and he attempts to explain to him the details of what eternity is like.

Heaven is a realm that is made from Chris' imagination and has no limitations.

He patterns heaven after his wife's paintings which become his reality, a breathtaking slice of cinematography that is a standard in this visually magnificent film.

A whole world of painted lakes, rivers, waterfalls and pastel flora and fauna begin to appear before his eyes, all at the control of his own will.

He can walk on water or fly through the air. As Albert points out, thought has become reality and the physical has become the illusion.

Despite all the wonders and bountiful splendors heaven has to offer, Chris is incomplete without his soulmate.

Courtesy Polygram Films

Facing the impossible, he is determined to travel through hell to find his wife who has become a lost soul after finally committing suicide.

A wonderful cast of characters and brilliant special effects highlight the movie.

Cuba Gooding Jr. delivers a performance that is sure to make audiences smile as his witty, good-natured essence permeates the silver screen.

Williams is at his finest and the pain of Sciorra's character seems very genuine.

The span of emotions in this movie range from utter despair to complete happiness which produces a rollercoaster effect made possible through the talents of the film's actors.

The scenes that portray heaven and hell provide a visual representation of this stark contrast of emotions and contribute to the movie's strong overall psychological impact.

A movie in a realm of its own, "What Dreams May Come" opens Friday at a theater near you.

El Oso roars!

By JOHN MAROT
AND ITAY DARVISH
STAR REPORTERS

Soul Coughing, a band that has been labeled as alternative rock, beat-noir, jazz, funk and even rap, released their third full-length album Tuesday titled "El Oso," which is Spanish for "The Bear."

The musical style of Soul Coughing doesn't fall into the traditional categories of music.

It is characterized by hard-hitting vocals and an odd ensemble of various musical instruments which include a bull fiddle and keyboard sampler.

Their new 14-track album exemplifies their unique style and features their hit-single, "Circles," as well as potential hit-singles "Monster Man," "Rolling" and "Blame."

"Circles" is a seemingly unlikely combination of standup bass guitar, sampled computer bleeps, drums and an acoustic guitar plucked violently to create a "twang" sound that makes for a great new song typical of Soul Coughing.

The name of the new album, "El Oso," comes from the days of the band's last tour when they got into the habit of drawing bears on their set lists and naming them after the venue.

"El Oso de World Trade Center in NYC," and "El Oso de Amish Guy in Lancaster, Pennsylvania" for example.

In promoting "El Oso," Soul Coughing played a concert at the Palace Monday evening, followed by a special midnight in-store performance at the Tower Records on Sunset Boulevard.

This isn't the first time that Soul Coughing has roared through the music scene.

The band was first assembled in New York City by lead singer Michael Doughty in 1993.

Doughty plays guitar and bombards listeners with his crisp, resonating singing voice that flows seamlessly with the smooth, deep baselines of fellow Cougher Sebastian Steinberg on upright bass.

Yuval Gabay keeps a funky beat on the drums while Mark De Gli Antoni rounds off the band with his innovative use of keyboard samplings with which he creates pleasingly eerie environmental effects essential to Soul Coughing's signature sound.

Their debut LP, "Ruby Vroom," was received with critical acclaim when it was released in 1994 featuring "Sugar-free Jazz," "Down to This" and "Screenwriter's Blues."

Their second album, "Irresistible Bliss," was released in 1996 and contains one of their most popular songs "Super Bon Bon." Soul Coughing have also made contributions to numerous soundtracks including the "Spawn," "Tommy Boy," and "X-Files" movie soundtracks.

Be on the lookout for "El Oso de David Letterman" when Soul Coughing play "The Late Show" scheduled for November 4th.

The Amazing Box of Odd Facts

In no peticular order, here's the five mind-boggling extraordinary odd facts for the week:

3. John Tyler is the U.S. president who had the most kids--15 in total.

5. Rattlesnakes can bite you up to a half hour after they're dead because their reflexes continue to function.

1. Dolphins sleep a half a brain at a time. While one side sleeps, the other keeps watch.

4. In 1855, congress spent 30,000 dollars on camels that were used by the United States Army.

2. The first movie theaters were called Nickelodeons because admission only cost a nickel.

Facts Compiled by Annita Torres

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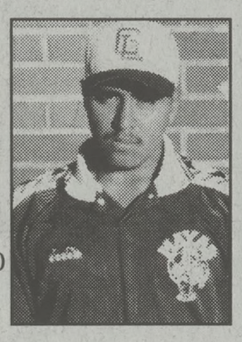
HOLLYWOOD'S CORNER

Dodger's need Cub's playoff magic

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER



The '98 baseball season was over for me when the Dodgers fell 40,000 games behind first place early in the season. I did not enjoy any game until the one-game playoff between the Chicago Cubs and the San Francisco Giants.

I got to see Michael Jordan throw out the first pitch, comedian Bill Murray sing Chicago's Harry Carry's famous "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," and most of all I got to see the Giants in pain once again.

It can't get better than that.

I thought the season was over when the Dodgers didn't get to go to the playoffs, *again!* But it was really over when Grant alumni Rod Beck, of the Chicago Cubs, got Joe Carter to fly out during a one-game playoff against the San Francisco Giants.

It doesn't matter if the Dodgers don't go to the playoffs or even get to the World Series just as long as those rivals of ours, the Giants, don't get to go either.

The Giants have been close to winning a pennant, but a curse similar to that of the Dodgers' keeps them from doing it.

With two outs and bases loaded, Carter came up representing the tying run.

As he walked to the plate, it became a deja-vu from the time when Carter hit a World Series winning homerun off Philadelphia's Mitch Williams. Luckily, Beck, a former Giant pitching ace, got him to fly out to Mark Grace.

Last year, the Dodgers also stayed in Los Angeles to watch San Francisco give it a shot at a pennant.

I was also very upset that they got to go instead of my blue friends, but that anger was forgotten when the Giants got swept by the Florida Marlins.

It would be nice if the Dodgers would win it all just to show off against their rivals. But if the Dodgers don't get very far, then the Giants should be even further behind them.

Marisol Barajas runs back on winning path

■Running:
Barajas recovers from Whittier leg injury to finish first at Western State Conference Meet.

By BAXTER CEPEDA
STAR REPORTER

After a second place finish by the women and a ninth place finish by the men at the first Western State Conference meet at Kenneth Hahn Regional Park on Sept. 18, the Valley cross country team did not run at the Riverside Invitational on Sept. 26.

"We didn't go to the Riverside Invitational because we went to Catalina Island to get some training in before our big conference meets coming up soon," said Gretchen Lohr, girls cross country coach at Valley.

At the first WSC meet the Valley girls had a first place finish by Marisol Barajas in a time of 20:06.00. Barajas' leg is healthy again after having to drop out of a race two weeks ago after experiencing some pain. "Marisol's leg is fine now. It doesn't hurt and she and the other runners are focusing on training hard," Lohr said. "We are getting ready for Bakersfield next week."

The Valley women also had a second place finish by Patty Loera at 20:26:00 and fourth place by Yadria Estrada at 20:46:00, but it wasn't enough to surpass Glendale's consistency to get the team title.

"In small races like this one,even though we beat their runners by a lot when it comes to time, it doesn't matter because the order of finish is what counts," Lohr said. "In a bigger meet there would have been a lot more runners in between our main runners and their average runners so we would have accumulated a lot more points than them."

Lohr said that she expects the Monarch women will beat Glendale by more than 20 points when they meet each other again in bigger meets.

"Maria Herrera and Gladis Martinez had good races also," Lohr said. "They finished 27th and 29th overall and they are only freshmen."

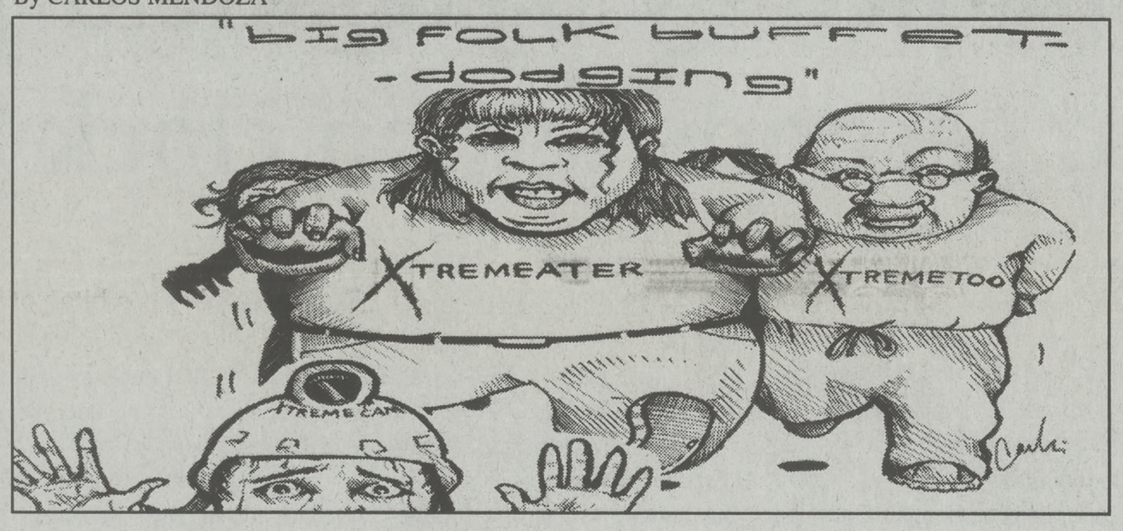
The Monarch men which consists mainly of freshmen finished 11th overall and were led by Jorge Gonzalez' 44th place finish in 24:34.00. "The guys team is very young and they need seasoning and conditioning against other college cross country teams," said Scott Weisbly, men's cross country coach at Valley.

Emanuel Jimenez was in the top 50 when he had to drop out of the race because of leg cramps but is expected to run next week.

Daniel Rojas finished 68th and Fabrizzio Rivera 72nd for the Monarchs.

"As the season goes on the guys will get better and better," Weisbly said. "I'm looking for a lot better results in the Bakersfield meet on Oct. 9."

"Jock Etch"
By CARLOS MENDOZA



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CANYONS	2	1	.667	106	89
BAKERSFIELD	2	1	.667	39	49
GLENDALE	1	2	.333	73	88
SANTA BARBARA	0	3	.000	23	52
L.A. PIERCE	0	3	.000	42	105

SOUTHERN	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
L.A. SOUTHWEST	2	1	.667	67	70
L.A. VALLEY	1	1	.500	55	34
MOORPARK	1	1	.500	26	26
EAST L.A.	1	1	.500	51	53
SANTA MONICA	1	1	.500	26	35
WEST L.A.	0	2	.000	46	56
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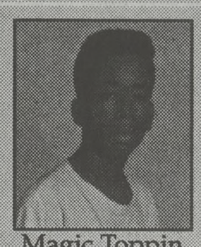

Magic Toppin
STAR REPORTER

Many students wonder about the state of affairs for a Tennis team and Volleyball team.

The problem is not the fact that both sports are unpopular, the problem is that there is not enough money to get these programs started again. Before Proposition 13 Volleyball was an integral part of Valley. However, the least popular teams had to be cut and after proposition 13 was ignited Valley was forced to drop tennis, wrestling and volleyball from its sports programs. The budget to bring these teams back was decimated due to the fact that the Los Angeles Community College school district had to erase its $ 57 million budget deficit.

It is known that Valley lends its tennis courts to neighboring High Schools such as Grant High School across the street from Valley. However, popularity was not the issue. The Tennis courts are opened to anybody who wishes to use them, but as a favor the tennis courts are lent out to help students learn the game. If extra money is not available to the sports department it is hard to create new sports programs. Expenses such as coach's salaries, uniforms, equipment, transportation and supplies are a burden on the sports department. Track was added to Valley's sports program after a year in which team members had to play for Moorpark Community College. Women's sports must be added first to a school program because of a federal mandate Equal Opportunity Act making it very important to the sports department, because of this, Women's Softball was added and has been a welcome addition to Valley College.

Whatever, someone may think, the problem is not the sports department. The problem is the community college budget and the lack of funds to adhere to the student's athletic needs.

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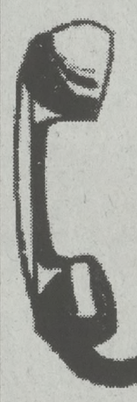

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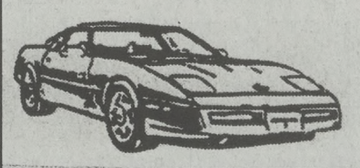

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PETE KOKON LAID TO REST

A legendary high school sportswriter was buried Tuesday as funeral services were being held at Chatsworth's Oakwood Memorial Park. Pete Kokon, who covered high school sports in the San Fernando Valley for more than 60 years, died Sept. 24 at the age of 85. Coaches, former athletes, fellow writers, family and friends paid their last respects during the service.

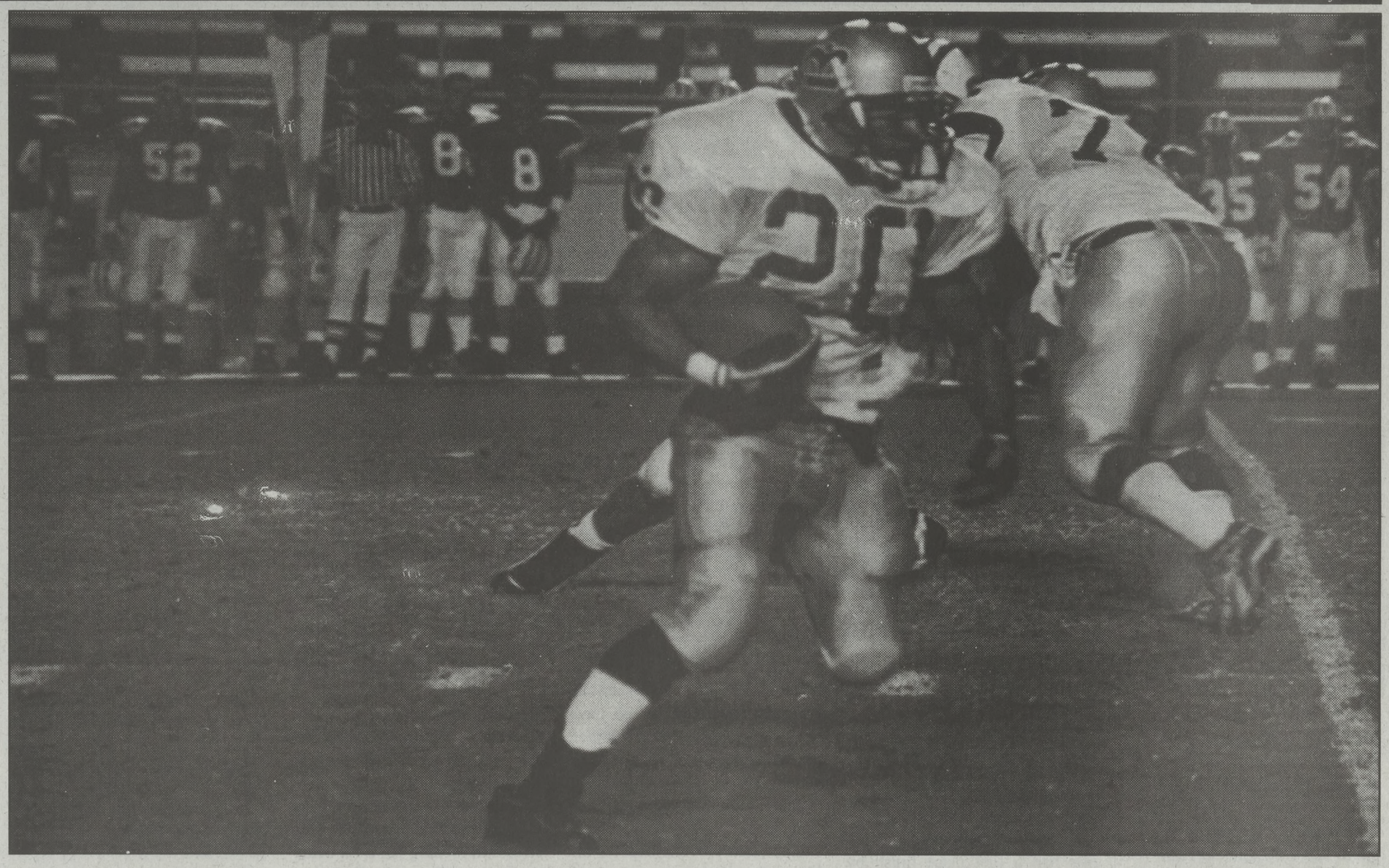

Photo courtesy of Dale Beck

Monarch running back Jamian Barbour, takes off running as teammate provides a block against Bakersfield. Barber was held to only 31 total yards at Memorial Stadium.

Valley stunned by Bakersfield with four seconds left on clock

■ **Football:** Monarchs blow late fourth quarter lead in final seconds of game.

By MICHAEL ROCHE
STAR REPORTER

Bakersfield snuck by Valley 13-10 in the final minutes of a Western State Conference interdivisional game Friday night at Memorial Stadium.

Down 10-0 with just 4:30 remaining in the game, Renegade head coach Dallas Grider reached into his play book pulling out a trick play, desperate to get his team on the board.

Quarterback Jeff Dover tossed a six yard pass to wide out Eddie Jackson who quickly lateralled to teammate Jermaine Ervin on a 80 yard touchdown hook and ladder play.

"It's been something we've practiced and something you're going to use when you need to," Grider said. "And we certainly needed to."

Valley jumped on the board early as Travis Winn, who completed 14 of 24 passes for 221 yards, guided the Monarchs up field connecting with Kevin Carlsen on a 28-yard touchdown strike, that capped a seven play, 80-yard drive.

The Monarchs extended their lead 10-0 in the closing minutes of the first half on an 18-yard field goal by Fernando Arias.

"We took a 10-0 lead late into the game. They executed a trick play and were able to get on the score board 10-7," Monarch Head Coach Gary Barlow said. "They kicked it back to us and we were unable to run the clock out and move the football."

Bakersfield forced Valley to punt on their final possession of the game, setting up the Renegade's final drive.

" When we scored the seven, we figured we had time if we could go in and hold them for three downs and punt," Grider said. "The kids got excited. momentum shifted our way and we were able to get another touchdown in there."

Dave Bennett's four yard touchdown run with four seconds remaining in the game added the final blow in a heartbreaking Monarch loss that started at the Renegade's 37 yard line.

"We were a little bit conservative and tried to preserve the 10 point lead instead of attacking the defense and that hurt us," Barlow said.

Photo courtesy of Dale Beck

Vince Rodriguez, who had four unassisted tackles, stands strong.

Kathy Lustig/Valley Star

The Pirates attack the Monarchs, scoring one of 13 goals in their afternoon victory.

Men lose as women swim to victory

■ Water Polo: Valley splits Ventura in home opener.

By RICHARD ADES
STAR REPORTER

Ventura overpowers the men Monarchs in a 13-10 shootout as the women hold on 12-9 at Valley College on Wednesday.

The men's game went well for both sides with a valiant effort by the Monarchs to overcome a 9-3 halftime deficit.

Valley, using all freshman starters, exploded in the second half, but ran out of time on a comeback.

"Valley really came back in the last quarter and really made it a good game," Ventura Head Coach Larry Varatte said.

Monarch Head Coach Bill Krauss said his team was short two starters because of disciplinary action.

The women's game was a battle on both sides of the ball with the Monarchs outlasting the the Pirates in the final minutes.

"It was a very well played game," said Valley's Women's Head Coach Wonmeen Jun. "Everybody gave a good effort. We are still a long way away from where we want to be, but were taking the steps to get there."

Monarchs host Allan Hancock in home opener

By MICHAEL ROCHE
STAR REPORTER

Valley's football team will square off this Saturday when they face the co-northern divisional leading Bulldogs 3-0 at Monarch Stadium, 7 p.m.

Hancock leads the Western State Conference in rushing defense, allowing a scant 63 yards per game and is eager to avenge it's *No Fear* Bowl loss two years ago and three game losing streak against the Monarchs.

The Monarchs, however are equally vengeful, determined to get past Friday's stunning loss to Bakersfield.

"I think we'll do what we always do and that's play Valley football," head coach Gary Barlow said. "We're trying to learn from the Bakersfield game and move forward to the Hancock game."

Quarterback matchups:

Travis Winn will go up against Bulldog quarterback Jeff McCoy, who completed 18 of 30 passes for 242 yards last weekend against West L.A. and shares the eighth spot in the Western State Conference individual passing report.

WSC players of the week:

Sophomore Jamian Barbour from Crespi High School won the award offensively for his 97 yard, two touchdown performance against Pierce College Sept. 19.

Defensive back Ron Atkins won the WSC player of the week defensively for his performance in Saturday's Bakersfield game. Atkins, a sophomore from L.A. Baptist High School, had 11 unassisted tackles, four assists and one caused fumble.

WSC highlights:

Freshman quarterback Travis Winn continues to produce, completing 14 of 24 passes for 211 yards in Bakersfield.

Robby Coppola had six unassisted and one assisted tackle, while Vince Rodriguez combined for four unassisted and two assisted tackles during the game.

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L.A. Southwest 30, Glendale 23
Allan Hancock 35, West L.A. 28
Canyons 50, Compton 46
East L.A.39, L.A. Pierce 12
Ventura 26, L.A. Harbor 16
Moorpark 17, Santa Barbara 0

FRIDAY'S SCORE

Bakersfield 13, L.A. Valley 10

SEPT. 19

Southwestern 31, Glendale 19
Chaffey 37, L.A. Southwest 22
Santa Monica 20, Santa Barbara 13
Allan Hancock 31, Hartnell 0
Antelope Valley 21, Canyons 14
L.A. Valley 45, L.A. Pierce 12
Sequoias 21, Bakersfield 5
Ventura 26, Moorpark 9

SCHEDULE FOR OCT.3

L.A. Pierce at Compton (1 p.m.)
Santa Barbara at West L.A. (1 p.m.)
East L.A. at Canyons (7 p.m.)
Glendale at L.A. Harbor (7 p.m.)
Allan Hancock at L.A. Valley (7 p.m.)
Bakersfield at Moorpark (7 p.m.)
Ventura at Santa Monica (7 p.m.)

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MEN'S WATER POLO Sept. 18-19

Valley 15, Santa Monica 4
Fullerton 14, Valley 3
Palomar 14 Valley 9
Valley 11, Santa Ana 8

Sept. 23

Cuesta 13, Valley 6

Wednesday

Ventura 13,Valley 10

WOMEN'S WATER POLO Sept. 25-26

Long Beach 8, Valley 7
Fullerton 7, Valley 5
Valley 12, El Camino7
Riverside 10, Valley 5

Wednesday

Valley 12, Ventura 9

BASEBALL

The Valley Rockies open their season Oct. 3 playing East L.A. College at East L.A. in a doubleheader 11 a.m. before facing the Astros scout team at Valley College Oct. 10 in another doubleheader.